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Please send us an official filing receipt for the above-referenced patent application (copy of a returned postcard and Decision on Petition are attached herewith).

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged for a patent application in the name of SAKAI and entitled CAPACITIVE DYNAMIC QUANTITY SENSOR (Attorney docket no. 01-446), including the following:

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- fee calculation form (2 copies);
- 19 page specification including 6 numbered claims;
- 4 sheets of formal drawings;
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QUANTITY SENSOR

DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(e)

This is a decision on the "petition requesting grant of filing date," filed October 23, 2003, which is properly treated as a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(e), requesting the application, including Four sheets of drawings be accorded a filing date of July 10, 2003 as part of the original disclosure.

The application was deposited on July 10, 2003. However, on October 7, 2003, the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE; mailed a "Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application - Filing Date Not Granted" (Notice), stating that the application appeared to have been deposited without drawings, and that a filing date would be accorded upon the filing of drawings.

In response, on October 23, 2003, applicants filed the present petition. The petition is further accompanied by the petition fee, a copy of four (4) sheets of drawing, and a copy of applicants' postcard receipt acknowledging receipt of "4 sheets of formal drawings" in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Office) on July 10, 2003. Applicants request that the application, including four (4) sheets of drawings be accorded a filing date July 10, 2003.

¹ Figures 1A through 4B (One A through Four B).